Punishment for breach of Jail discipline.

176. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total cases of punishment for breach of Jail discipline in 1112 and 1113 respectively; and

(*b*) if there was any increase in the number of such cases in 1113, the reasons for the same?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1112 ... 102
1113 ... 125

(*b*) The increase is due to the increase in jail population during 1113.

Survey of Shencotta Taluk.

177. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the soil survey of Shencottah taluk completed;

(*b*) whether any report of the completion of the survey has been submitted to Government; and

(*c*) the action taken by Government in the matter?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) Towards the close of 1113 M. E.

(*b*) The report is under preparation by the Bio-Chemist of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government the purpose for which the soil survey of Shencottah taluk was conducted?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It was with a view to find out the manurial requirements of the soils in the Shencottah taluk.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why even though the survey was completed in the year 1113, no report has been submitted to Government as yet?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The report is under preparation. It is a very laborious work to map out the soils showing the distribution of the various plant food ingredients.

Puliyoor Bridge.

178. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the present condition of the Puliyoor Bridge on the Puliyoor-Mannar road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Department in the matter; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Department to open a *junghar* service at the Ittynayarkadavu ferry on the Puliyoor-Mannar road?

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